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December 19, 2003

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

On December 4 Mass. Climate Action Network ("MCAN") filed a request to be a full party to DTE 03-100, NSTAR Electric's proposed "new renewable power supply offering."

We were subsequently informed by Hearing Officer William Stevens that in its Order for DTE 01-36/02-20, Western Mass. Electric, the Department instituted a new requirement that full parties to proceedings must be represented by an attorney.

MCAN has not obtained the services of an attorney for this proceeding. We therefore amend our request, asking to be a "limited participant" in DTE 03-100 rather than a full party. We would still request that we be provided copies of all documents in this case; and it is our understanding that as a limited participant we will have the right to file a brief at the end of the proceeding.

We wish to state for the record that we believe the DTE's requirement to be represented by an attorney is unfair, is possibly in violation of our constitutional rights, and serves to limit the participation of public-interest oriented organizations in DTE proceedings.

Yours truly,

Marc Breslow, Ph.D.
Director